



15th Annual Arizona Housing Forum

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HOUSING HERO AWARD

Arthur Crozier
Partner in Housing
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PEGGY HUTCHISON
Primavera Foundation



Peggy Hutchison has been providing pathways out of poverty in Tucson, South Tucson, and Pima County for thirty-five years most recently during her current fourteen-year tenure as the Chief Executive Officer of the Primavera Foundation. Since taking over in 2004 Ms. Hutchison has greatly increased Primavera's development and service capacity allowing the agency to take on many important community projects. Some of the most notable are Las Abuelitas, an affordable housing community for grandparents raising their grandchildren and a Homeownership Education Program that has resulted in 657 new homeowners since 2012.



Other important projects undertaken by Primavera are as follows:

Primavera implemented the Neighborhood Stabilization Program in South Tucson, rehabilitating or replacing 41 distressed housing sites.

Through Project Reinvest, Primavera is building four new homes for first-time homeowners in South Tucson, expanding South Tucson's public art and community engagement activities, completing a comprehensive community plan, and working with the community to develop a new park adjacent to the El Paso and Southwestern Greenway.



Primavera has integrated solar, water harvesting and community gardens into their properties. They have established a water-harvesting technician and crew, now a registered contractor in the State of Arizona, available to community customers through Primavera Works.

Ms. Hutchison has established strong partnerships throughout the community with political leaders, business leaders, for-profit leaders and government officials. She continues to provide leadership and innovation to ensure Primavera is able to address community needs going forward.



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